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Send Sports Writers?

To The Journal: Your editorial on ap-
tations for the central intelligence agency
certainly deserves a good round of ap-
plause. It is this type of reporting that
alerts the intelligent reader. It also creates
a desire to know more about our central
intelligence agency, what it is, what it is
supposed to do, etc.

With its tremendous budget and person-
nel, it certainly can have far reaching ef-
fects, yet it is so seldom mentioned in the
news. It is said the CIA plays an important
part in the formulation of public opinion.
This being so, it can be a dangerous thing
when, as you point out, its top ranking
personnel make inaccurate statements
publicly. Laos has been cited. Cuba could
well be another.

Much has recently been said about the
American press which seems to indicate
there is a rapidly growing interest among
readers for better coverage of foreign af-
fairs. The two minute spot news which
comes over the air is scarcely enough to
whet the appetite. Could there not be
greater space allotted to these items in the
local daily press?

Let's see in foreign news coverage some
of the zeal used in sports reporting. The
results might be amazing.

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